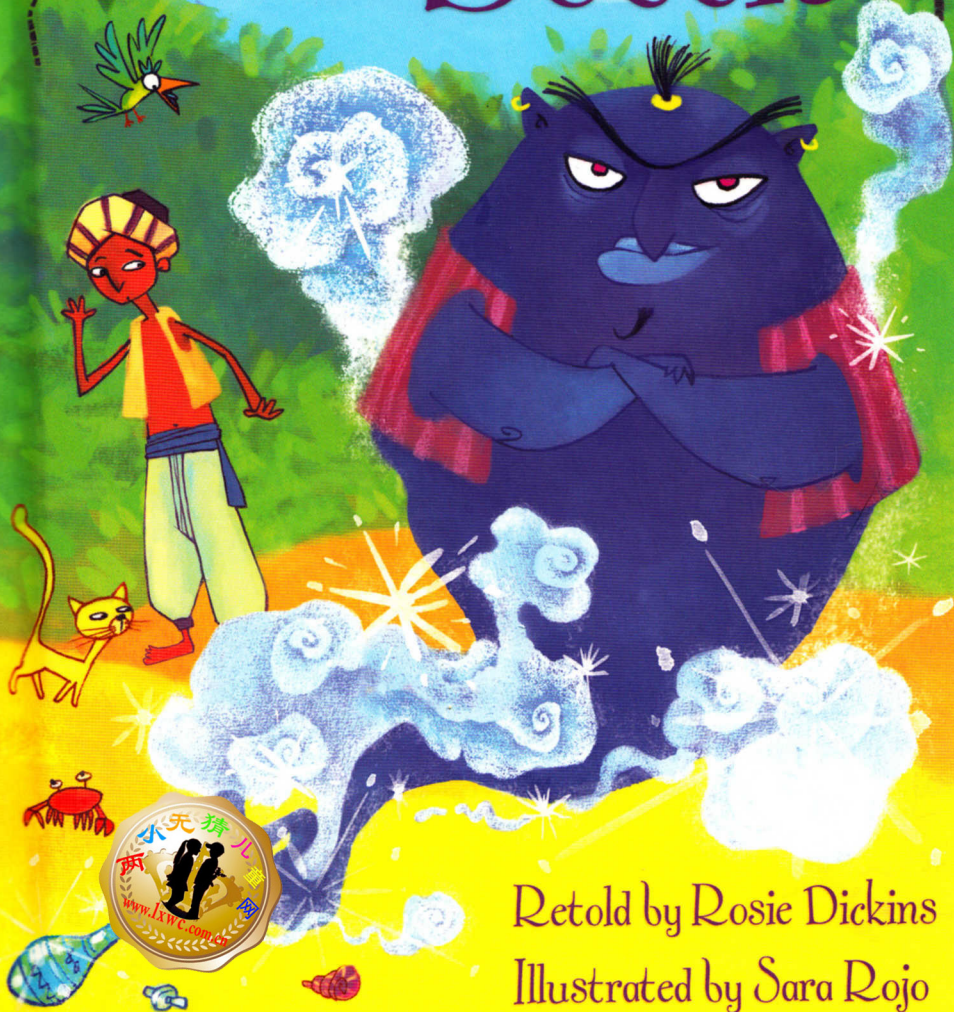


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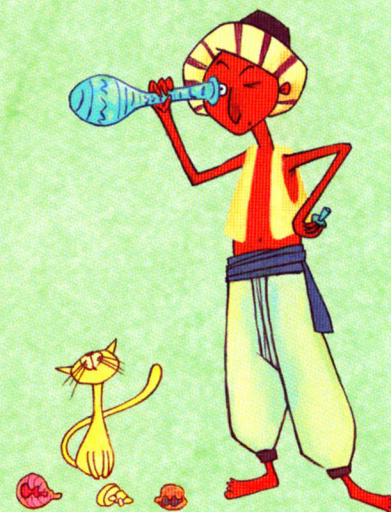
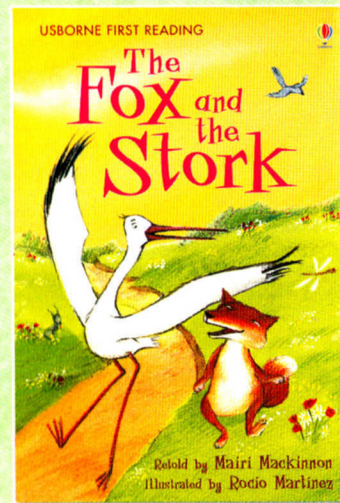
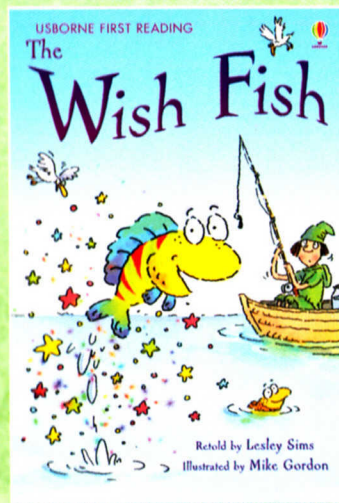
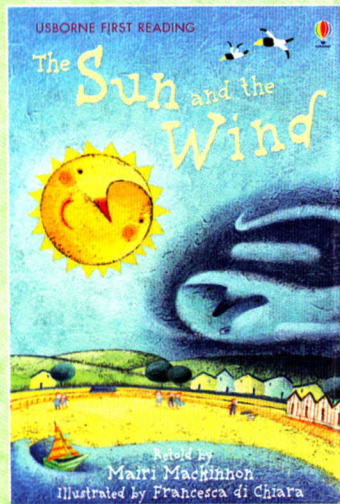
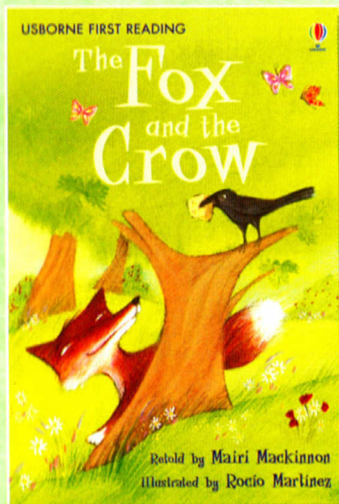


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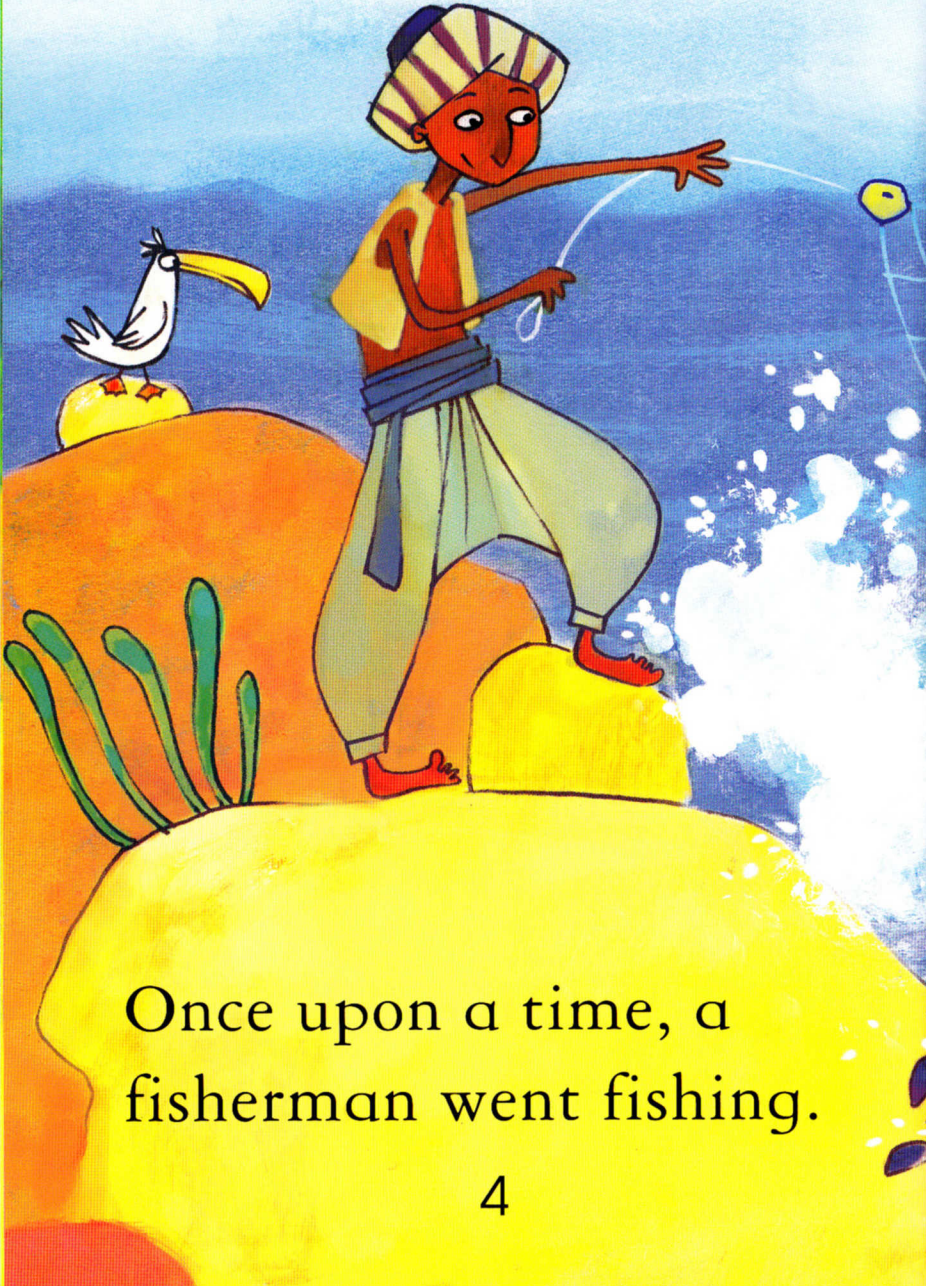
This story is about a
fisherman,




a bottle



and a BIG
bad genie.

A fisherman with a red face and a striped headband is standing on a yellow rock. He is wearing a red tunic and a green skirt. He is holding a fishing net and is in the process of throwing it. A white seagull is perched on a yellow rock to his left. The background is a blue sky and a blue sea.

Once upon a time, a
fisherman went fishing.

A large fishing net is spread out over the sea. The net is made of blue lines and has yellow floats. A yellow cat is standing on a yellow rock in the foreground, looking out at the net. The background is a blue sky and a blue sea.

He threw his nets again
and again.

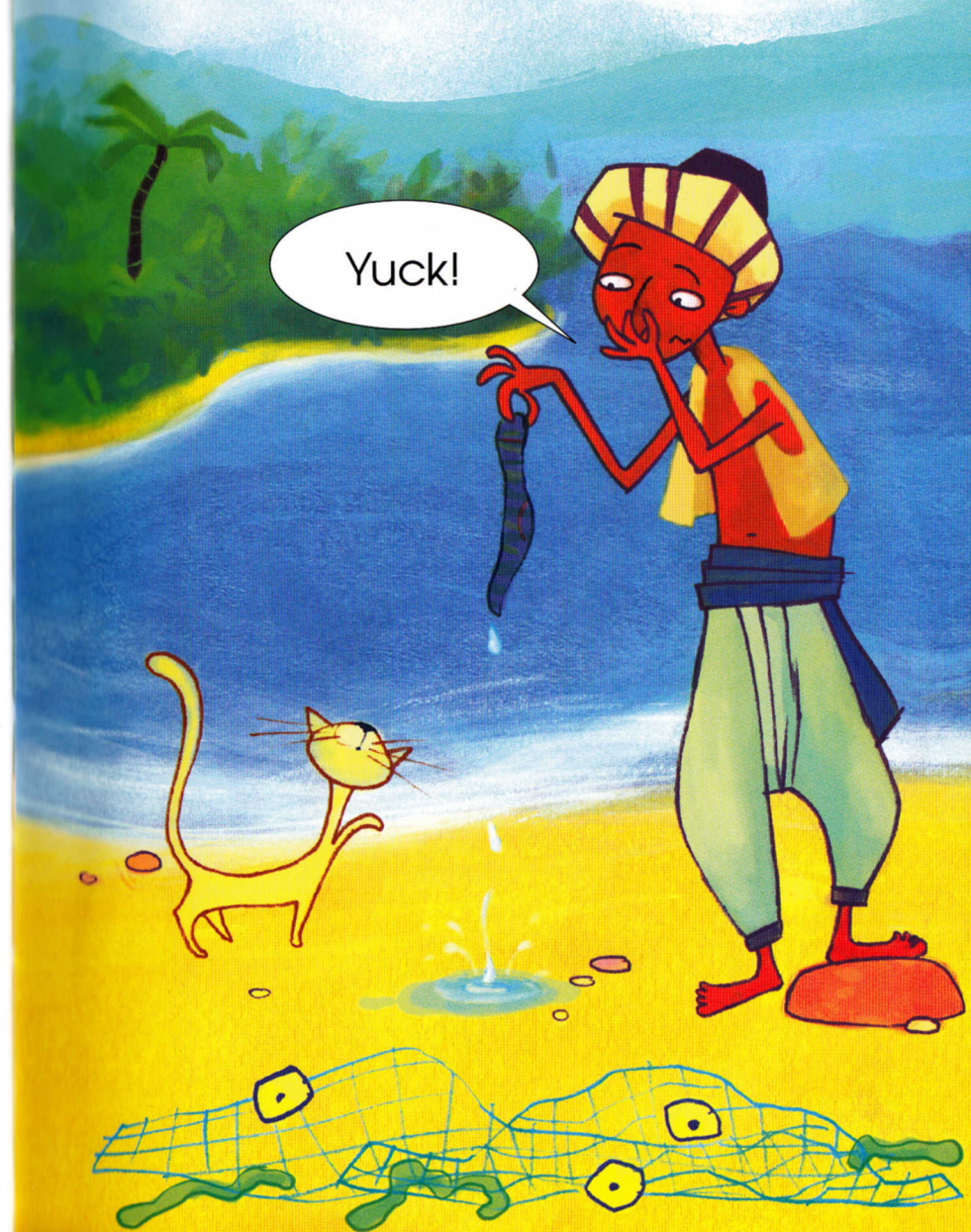
He caught
slimy seaweed...



shiny shells...

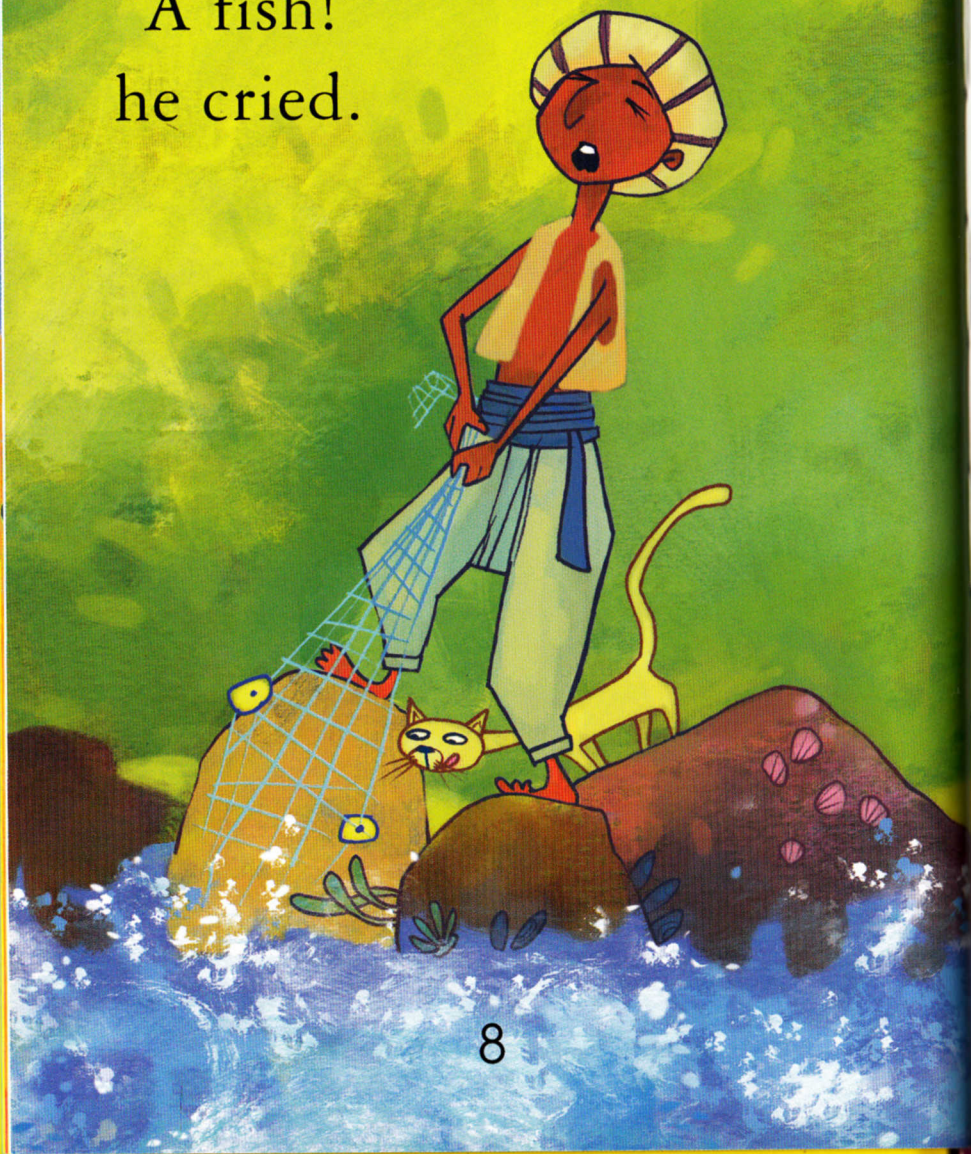


and a smelly sock.



Then, he caught
something else.

“A fish!”
he cried.

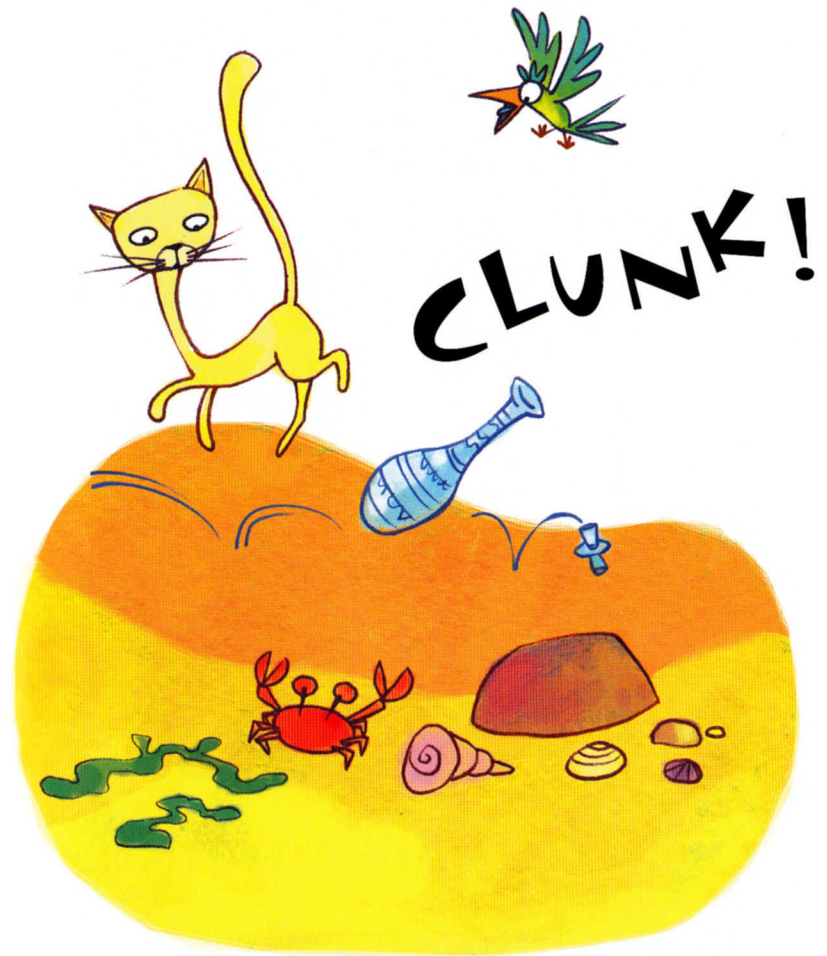


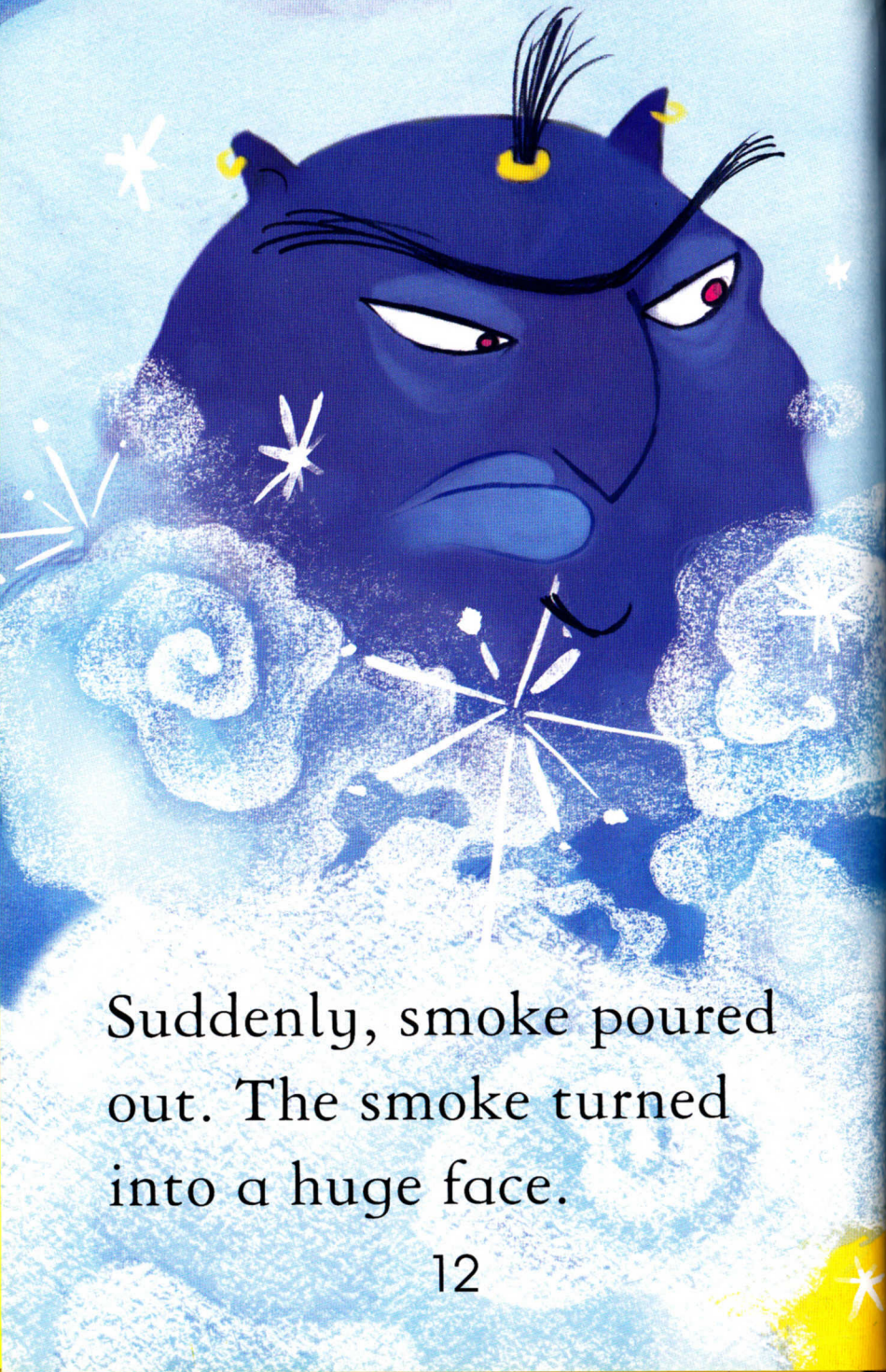
But it wasn't.
It was an old bottle.



He pulled out the
stopper and looked in.

“Empty,” he sighed.
And he threw it away.





Suddenly, smoke poured out. The smoke turned into a huge face.

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“Help,” cried the fisherman. “A genie!”





The genie's tummy
rumbled.

"I'm hungry," he growled.
"I'm going to EAT you!"

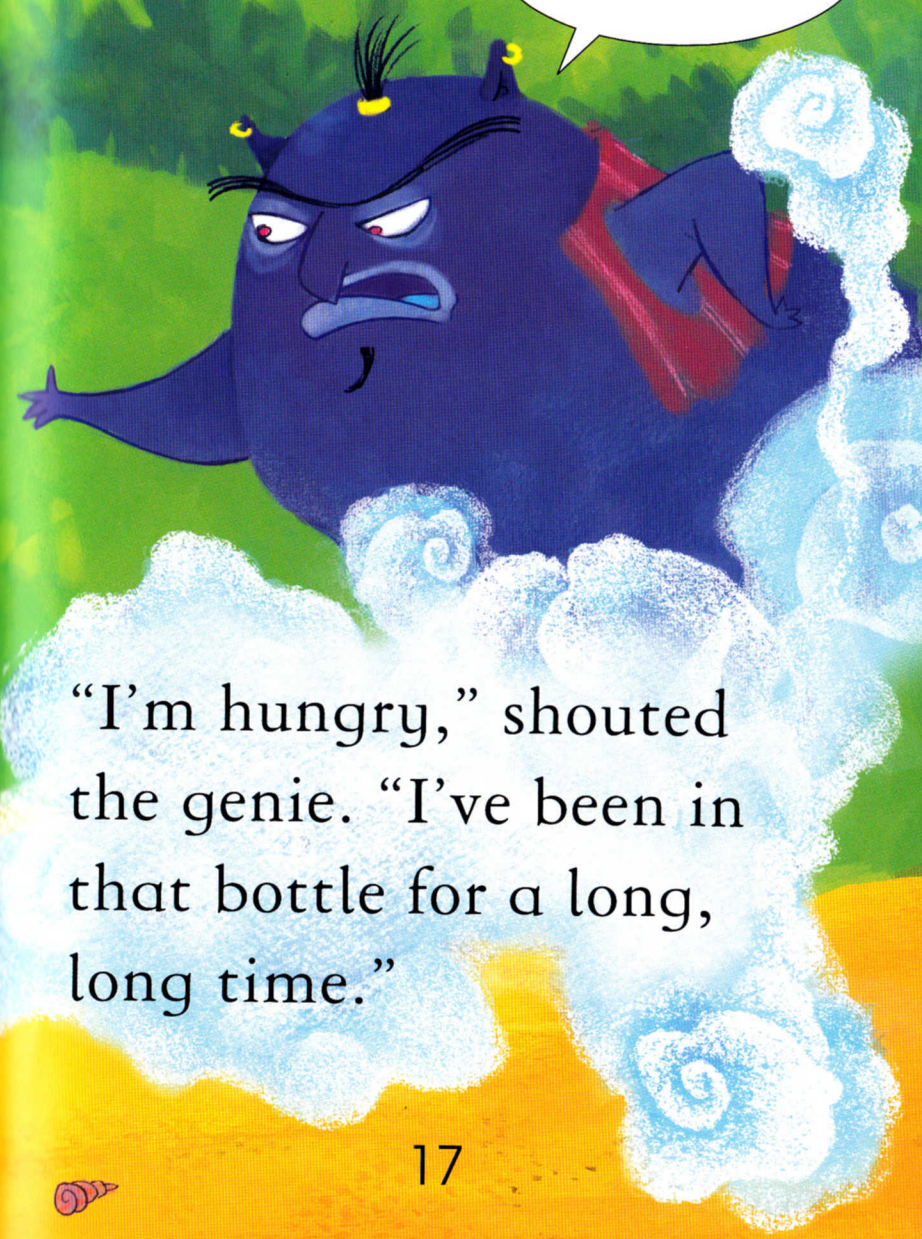


Meow!

"That's not very kind,"
said the fisherman.



I don't care.



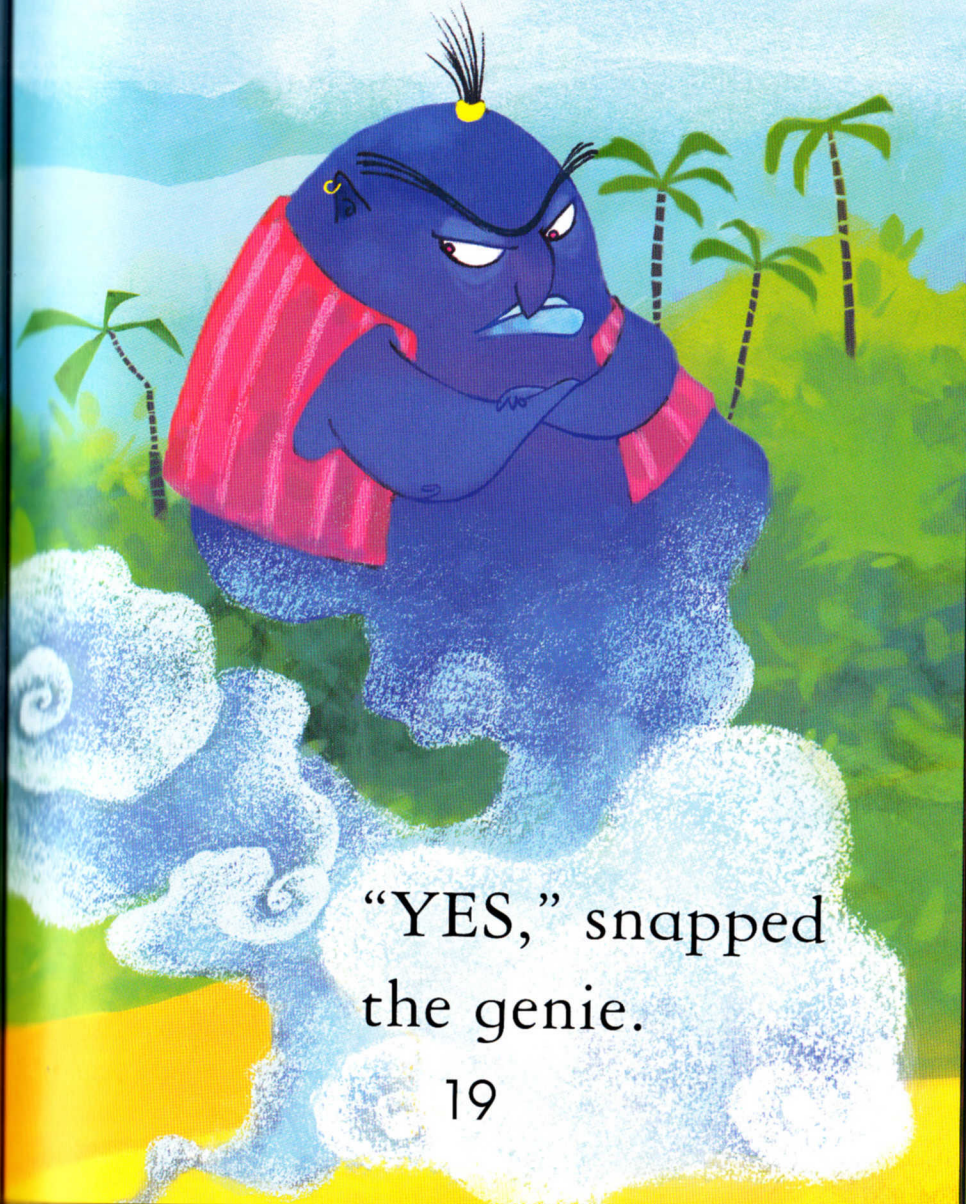
"I'm hungry," shouted
the genie. "I've been in
that bottle for a long,
long time."

The fisherman
thought fast.

I have to
get him back
in the bottle.



“You were *inside* this
bottle?” he asked.



“YES,” snapped
the genie.

The fisherman laughed.
“You’d never fit,” he said.
“Watch,” said the genie.



He whooshed back in...

...and the fisherman
pushed the stopper
in hard.





Then the fisherman
went on fishing...



...and caught a tasty
fish for dinner.

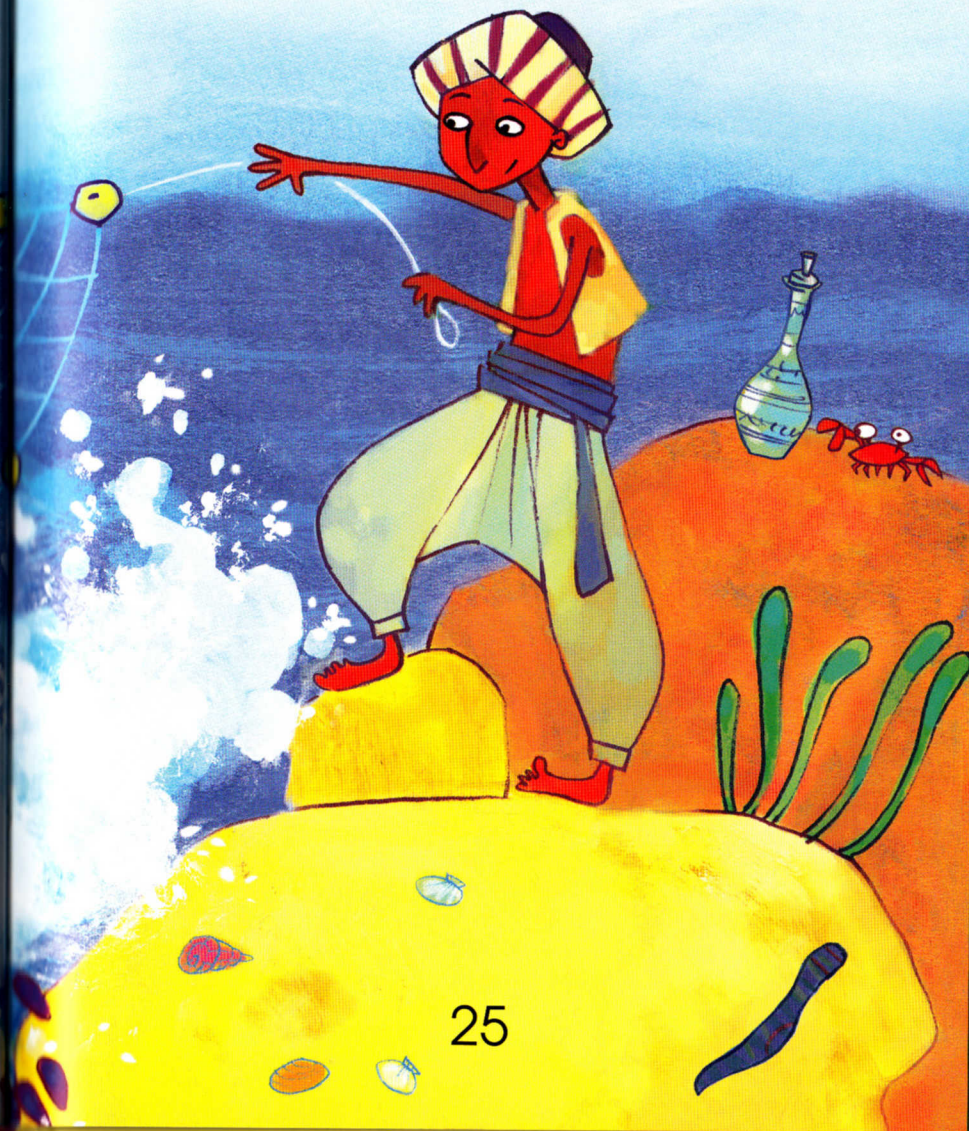
PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you spot all the things
the fisherman caught?



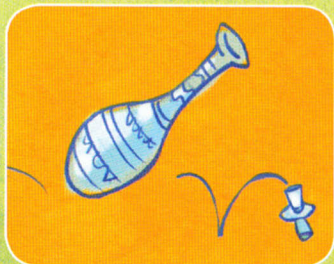
seaweed shells sock
bottle fish



Puzzle 2

Which sound goes where?

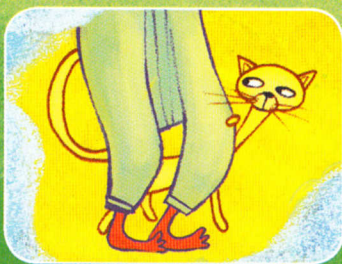
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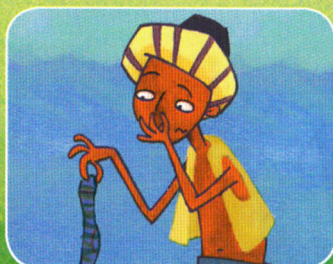
B



C



D



Yuck!

Meow!

Purrrrr

CLUNK!

Puzzle 3

Put these pictures in order.

A



B



C



D

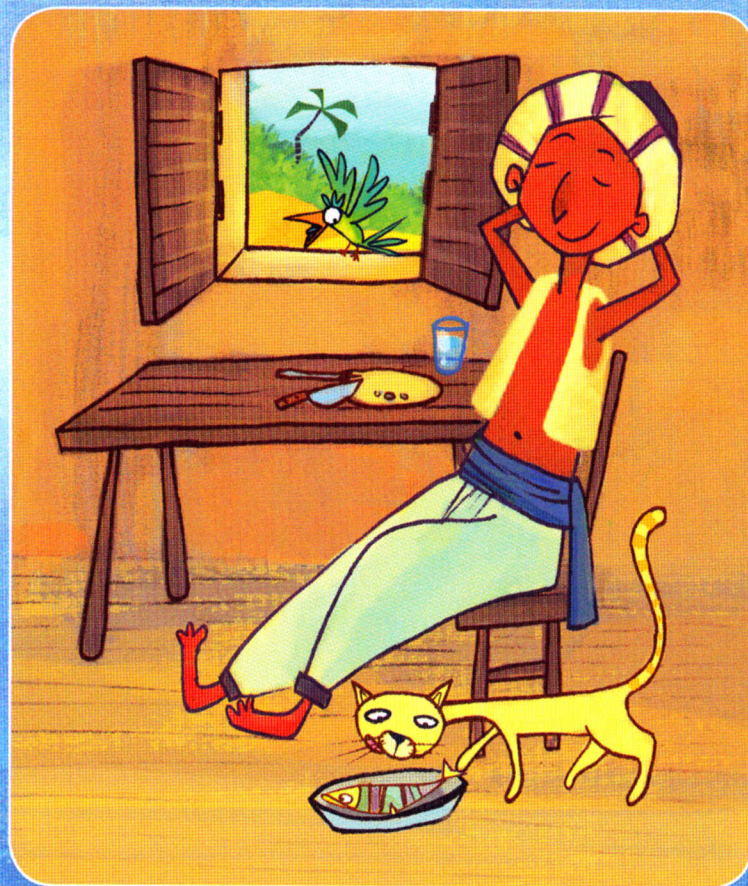


Puzzle 4

Spot the five differences between these two pictures.



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Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



Puzzle 2

A



Clunk!

B



Purrrr

C



Meow!

D



Yuck!

Puzzle 3

1. B



2. D



3. A



4. C



Puzzle 4





About the story

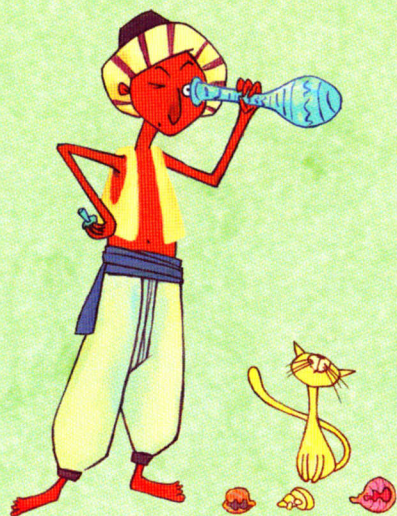
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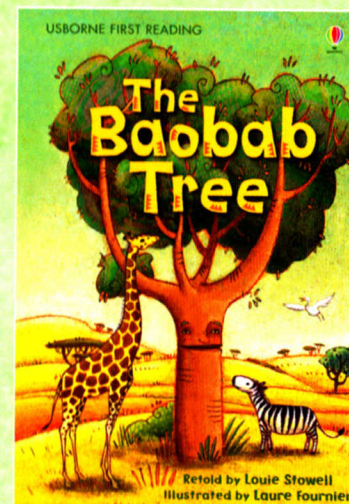
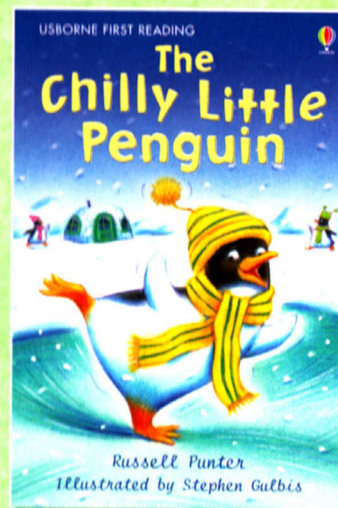
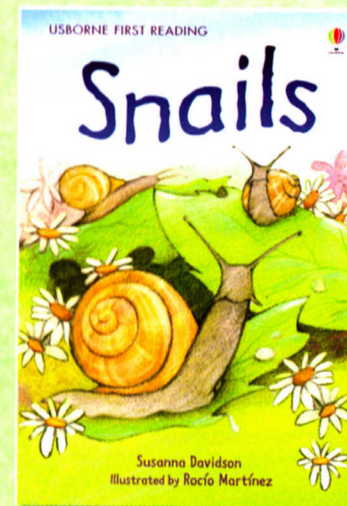
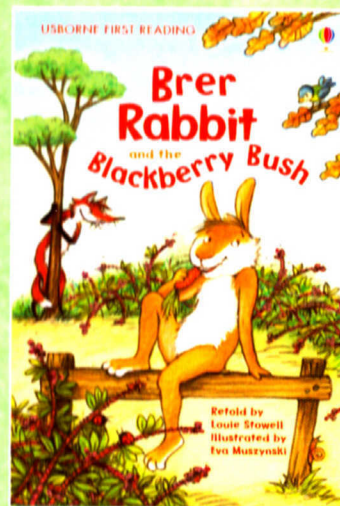
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